

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2007, in which the drawings were objected to, claim 9 was objected to, claims 9 and 11-18 were rejected, and claims 19-21 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in proper form.

Drawing Objections

The drawings were objected to as failing to show “the vertical lifting arm” recited in claim 13. With this Amendment, claim 13 is canceled without prejudice. The objection to the drawings should accordingly be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 9 was objected to for lacking antecedent basis for the term “the X-ray.” The Examiner suggested reciting “an X-ray radiation source” in line 2 of the claim to address this objection. Claim 9 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and the objection to claim 9 should accordingly be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 9, 11-15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kang et al. (USP 6,920,197) in view of Eiler (USP 6,058,158) and Lowman (USP 6,763,635). Claims 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kang et al. in view of Eiler and Lowman, and further in view of Franke (USP 3,565,218).

With this Amendment, independent claim 9 is amended to incorporate the language of claim 19 (and claim 19 is canceled without prejudice to avoid redundancy). Claim 19 was indicated to be allowable over the prior art of record, and therefore claim 9 as amended is now in condition for allowance. Claims 11-18, 20 and 21 depend from amended claim 9, and for at least that reason are allowable therewith. The rejection of claims 9 and 11-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) should accordingly be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims 9, 11-18, 20 and 21 are in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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